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**State of Maine
Department of Education**

**Gifted and Talented Educational Program
Application for One-Year Waiver
2015-16**

Gifted and Talented Educational Program Waiver Applications are to be submitted electronically to GT.DOE@maine.gov by **September 30, 2015**.

Maine Revised Statutes Title 20-A, Chapter 311, section 8101-A(3) states:

Waivers. Beginning with the 2012-13 school year, a school administrative unit (SAU) that did not operate a gifted and talented program in the 2011-12 school year may apply to the Commissioner for a one-year waiver of this requirement if full implementation of this requirement presents an undue burden. The Commissioner may grant the SAU a waiver upon receipt of an application from the SAU that includes the basis for the waiver request. Financial hardship is one criterion the Commissioner must consider in determining whether to grant a waiver. The Commissioner has the authority to grant a one-year waiver to a SAU and a one-year waiver extension. Any additional request for extensions must be submitted and reviewed on an annual basis.

School administrative unit name:

Alexander Elementary School (AOS 77)

Name and title of person responsible for gifted and talented program:

Trevor Flood, Teaching-Principal

Phone number:

(207) 454 - 2623

Email address:

principal@alexanderelementary.org

CERTIFICATION:

The statements made herein are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Kenneth Johnson

Superintendent Name(printed)

Kenneth Johnson
Superintendent Signature

Date Waiver Application Submitted to Maine DOE:

9/18/15

Check Reason(s) for Waiver Request:



Financial Hardship



Other



Partial Program Waiver Request



Full Program Waiver Request

Please completely describe the basis for the SAU's one-year waiver request and further describe how the SAU is meeting the needs of the gifted and talented population in your district:

Alexander Elementary is requesting a full-program waiver on the basis that the Alexander School Department lacks the student population to warrant a designated Gifted and Talented staff position (part-time or full) nor could such specific duties be assigned to existing staff. All teaching staff are assigned to multi-grade classrooms with the additional responsibilities of Health, Physical Education, and Art Instruction for their individual classrooms. Historically, teaching staff have accommodated the needs of GT students through inclusive differentiated instruction strategies. Teachers and support staff have sought out and continue to seek out professional development on best practices of differentiated instruction for GT students.

In addition, Alexander Elementary is also requesting a full-program waiver due to financial hardship. Factors such as enrollment, revenue, and State EPS allocations leaves the school department lacking funds to support additional staff to implement and deliver a program.

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RETURN BY EMAIL TO:

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Date of Approval: _____